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POLLUTION, PILOT STUDY

SUMMARY: FRANCE, AS PILOT COUNTRY, REPORTED ON THE
RESULTS OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL MTG HELD AT PARIS,
SEPT 27, 1976. THE STUDY WILL FOCUS ON THREE PROJECTS
RELATING TO REMOTE SENSING:

- A) DETECTION OF OIL SPILLS AND OTHER HAZARDOUS WASTES
- B) TRANSFER OF ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION TO THE SEAS
- C. MATHEMATICAL MODELLING OF COASTAL TRANSPORT
OF POLLUTION

QUESTIONAIRES ON THE FIRST TWO PROJECTS WERE CIRCULATED
TO ALL DELEGATIONS. IN COOPERATION WITH BELGIUM AND
THE NETHERLANDS, FRANCE WILL ALSO PREPARE A QUESTIONNAIRE
ON THE THIRD TOPIC FOR DISTRIBUTION BEFORE THE END
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OF THE YEAR. THE STUDY WILL FOCUS ON BOTH TECHNICAL
AND POLICY ASPECTS OF THE MARINE POLLUTION PROBLEM.
THE NEXT PILOT STUDY MTG. IS EXPECTED TO BE HELD IN
FEBRUARY OR EARLY MARCH, 1977. END SUMMARY.

1. FRANCE (MASSIN) REPORTED ON THE ORGANIZATIONAL MTG OF THE PILOT STUDY, HELD IN PARIS ON SEPT 27, 1976, WITH PARTICIPANTS FROM CANADA, GREECE, TURKEY, THE USA, ITALY, THE NETHERLANDS, AND FRANCE. IT WAS AGREED AT PARISTO FOCUS THE STUDY ON OIL SPILLS, ALTHOUGH INDUSTRIAL AND URBAN POLLUTANTS WILL ALSO BE CONSIDERED. THE STUDY HOPES TO BENEFIT BOTH RESEARCH LABORATORIES AND INDUSTRIES, WHICH ARE CONCERNED WITH TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF THE PROBLEM; AND POLICY-MAKERS, WHO NEED TO HAVE TECHNICAL INFORMATION IN FORM PERMITTING THEM TO MAKE INFORMED DECISIONS ON REGULATORY POLICY. INVESTMENT AND OPERATING COSTS WILL ALSO BE CONSIDERED.

2. FRANCE WILL BEGIN THE STUDY BY SURVEYING PARTICIPANTS ON EXISTING PROGRAMS AND MEANS AT THEIR DISPOSAL IN EACH OF THE THREE PROJECT AREAS; OIL SPILLS, TRANSFER OF ATMOSPHEREIC POLLUTION, AND MATHEMATICAL MODELLING OF COSTAL TRANSPORT OF POLLUTION. QUESTIONNAIRES ON THE FIRST TWO PROJCTS WERE CIRCULATED TO PLENARY DELEGATIONS. FRANCE, BELGIUM, AND THE NETHERLANDS WILL JOINTLY PREPARE THE THIRD QUESTIONNAIRE FOR CIRCULATION BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR. APPLICABILITY OF NORTH ATLANTIC AND NORTH SEA MODELS FOR THE MEDITERRANEAN AREA WILL BE CONSIDERED IN THE THIRD PROJECT AREA.

3. BELGIUM (RONSE) EXPRESSED ITS GREAT INTEREST AND INTENTION TO PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN THE NEW STUDY, BEGINNING WITH FORMULATION OF THE THIRD QUESTIONNAIRE.

4. THE UK (FAIRCLOUGH) ATTACHES GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE STUDY AND WILL PARTICIPATE. THE UK (PARKER) REPORTED ON REMOTE SENSING RESEARCH BEING CONDUCTED AT WARRENSPRING LABORATORY. THE UK IS ATTEMPTING TO DEVELOP A SUFFICIENTLY INEXPENSIVE TV SENSING SYSTEM USING LOW-LIGHT, UNCLASSIFIED

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VISIBLE, AND ULTRAVIOLET ILLUMINATION TO MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH AN OIL SPILL IN DARKNESS AND IN POOR WEATHER.

5. NORWAY (LYKKE) WAS UNABLE TO ATTEND THE PARIS MTG, BUT IS VERY INTERESTED IN THE STUDY, AND WILL PARTICIPATE. NORWEGEAN RESEARCH IS FOCUSING ON FAIRLY SIMPLE RADAR/AIRBORNE REMOTE SENSING OPERATIONS.

6. GREECE (XANTHOPOULOS) INTENDS TO CO-PILOT THE PROJECT, AND OFFERED TWO PRELIMINARY COMMENTS: ON THE NECESSIGY TO DEFINE THR RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE POLLUTION SOURCE, TRANSPORT, AND AIR-SEA INTERACTION,

WHEN DISCUSSING ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION OF THE SEAS;
AND ON THE LESS THAN TOTAL APPLICABILITY OF NORTH
SEA MODELS TO THE MEDITERRANEAN.

7. BELGIUM (RENSON) RESPONDED THAT THE NORTH SEA MODEL
IS APPLICABLE TO CERTAIN AREAS OF THE MEDITERRANEAN
ALTHOUGH NOT TO COASTAL ZONES. AS FOR ATMOSPHERIC
TRANSPORT, ONLY A SMALL AMOUNT OF POLLUTION FROM
ANY ONE SOURCE REACHES THE POINT OF IMPACT. THIS
IS THE PROBLEM WITH IDENTIFYING THE SOURCE AND CON-
TROLLING THE POLLUTANT THERE.

8. FRANCE (MASSIN) REASSURED THE GREEK DELEGATION
THAT ONE OF THE POINTS OF THE QUESTIONNAIRE WAS PRE-
CISELY TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE
NORTH SEA AND THE MEDITERRANEAN.

9. CANADA (BEAULIME) CONGRATULATED THE FRENCH ON A
VERY SUCCESSFUL MTG IN PARIS. CANADA WILL PARTICIPATE
IN AT LEAST THE FIRST AND THIRD PROJECT AREAS.

10. THE US (BARNUM) SUPPORTED THE PILOT STUDY AND
CONFIRMED THAT THE US COAST GUARD WILL LEAD THE
FIRST PROJECT ON OIL SPILLS.

11. THE NETHERLANDS (VIGEVENO) CONFIRMED ITS STRONG
INTEREST IN THE FIRST PROJECT. IT WILL PARTICIPATE
IN THE PILOT STUDY. STREATOR
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